



TE PŌKAI TARA
UNIVERSITIES
NEW ZEALAND



UNIVERSITIES CULTIVATE CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION. THEY CREATE NEW KNOWLEDGE WHICH DRIVES NEW ZEALAND'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY AS PRODUCTIVE CONTRIBUTORS ACROSS SOCIETY. THEY LEAD, CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE US. EVERY NEW ZEALANDER BENEFITS BY SUPPORTING UNIVERSITIES.

BY BEING FACILITATIVE AND DYNAMIC WE CAN GET PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES WORKING TOGETHER. KEEPING OUR UNIVERSITIES WORLD-CLASS IS VITAL TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE NEW ZEALAND THRIVE.

UNIVERSITIES FOR NEW ZEALAND

WE ARE THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY
PROMOTING NEW ZEALAND'S EIGHT
UNIVERSITIES.

INFORMED BY A LONG TRADITION OF
HIGHER LEARNING, OUR ROLE TODAY
IS ESSENTIAL AS NEW ZEALAND'S
UNIVERSITIES SHAPE THE COUNTRY
FOR TOMORROW.



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Professor Pat Walsh – **Chair**

Derek McCormack – **Deputy Chair** (until June 2012)

Professor Roy Crawford – **Deputy Chair** (from July 2012)

Our History

Universities New Zealand–Te Pōkai Tara was established as the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee by the Universities Act 1961, which replaced the federal University of New Zealand with separate institutions.

With the Education Amendment Act in 1990, the Vice-Chancellors' Committee assumed some of the statutory functions of the former University Grants Committee. These included quality assurance in universities and the administration of scholarships.



Our Name

The New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee adopted the name Universities New Zealand–Te Pōkai Tara in 2010. Our work has grown over time to include policy, advocacy and promotional functions in addition to our statutory roles.

While we retain the name New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee in order to exercise our statutory functions and powers, the name Universities New Zealand–Te Pōkai Tara is our public face, as it more accurately conveys the role we play as peak body representing New Zealand's eight universities.

Rather than being a direct translation, the Māori component of our name describes the essence of our work. Te Pōkai Tara represents a flock of Caspian Terns moving together, gathering and enveloping. It evokes a journey upwards and a connection with the source of knowledge and it carries with it a sense of the first rays of light at dawn. The visual imagery associated with our new logo is derived from our Māori name.

The Vice-Chancellors



Professor Stuart McCutcheon
The University of Auckland



Derek McCormack
Auckland University of Technology



Professor Roy Crawford
The University of Waikato



Hon Steve Maharey
Massey University



Professor Pat Walsh
Victoria University of Wellington



Dr Rod Carr
University of Canterbury



Professor Roger Field
Lincoln University



Professor Harlene Hayne
University of Otago

How We Work

Universities New Zealand–Te Pūkai Tara (Universities NZ) is the peak body representing New Zealand's universities in the public interest, both nationally and internationally. The eight universities, represented by their Vice-Chancellors, make up the membership of Universities NZ. The Vice-Chancellors meet on a formal basis six times a year.

Universities NZ works through a small team based in Wellington and has delegated a number of functions to a range of committees generally consisting of a representative from each university. In addition Universities NZ convenes working parties and expert groups to address specific issues affecting universities.

Within its overall mission Universities NZ has a number of key roles. These include advice to government and its agencies, approval and moderation procedures for academic programmes in universities, administration and development of over forty national scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate study and the generic promotion of the country's universities, both in New Zealand and internationally.

Other important functions of Universities NZ are the co-ordination of university research policy and funding, facilitating Māori academic advancement, fostering internationalisation of education, maintaining international links through such bodies as the Association of Commonwealth Universities, surveying graduate outcomes and nominating university representatives to outside organisations.



Associated With Us

New Zealand Universities Academic Audit Unit (NZUAAU)

The NZUAAU audits academic quality of the universities and promotes quality enhancement initiatives. The NZUAAU governing board is appointed by Universities NZ.

New Zealand Universities Superannuation Scheme (NZUSS)

Established by the universities, the NZUSS has more than 6000 members.

Chancellors

The Chancellors of the universities meet three times a year, as a group and with Universities NZ.



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